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SUBJECT: PRESSURE OF U.S. OIL FIRMS TO USE PNOC TANKERS

REF: MANILA 2320, MANILA 2929

1. PRESIDENT OF MOBILE PHILIPPINES, R. D. WALES, HAS INFORMED US THAT MOBIL AND CALTEX HAVE BEEN MEETING SEPARATELY WITH PNOC TO DISCUSS LATTER'S PROPOSAL THAT PNOC TANKERS BE USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR CARRIAGE OF CRUDE FROM PERSIAN GULF. WALES SAID MOBILE HAS BEEN HOLDING OUT FIRMLY AGAINST THIS PROPOSAL; AT LAST MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 16, PNOC TOLD HIM IT WOULD TURN ITS ATTENTION TO CALTEX AND THAT TERMS OF ANY AGREEMENT REACHED WITH CALTEX WOULD BE MADE APPLICABLE TO MOBILE. CALTEX HELD ITS LAST MEETING WITH PNOC ON FEBRUARY 22 AND ALSO HELD FIRM; ALTHOUGH THERE WERE THREATS, SUCH AS WITHHOLDING OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE ALLOCATIONS, THERE HAS BEEN NO ACTION, AND NEITHER FIRM HAS HAD ANY FURTHER CONTACT WITH PNOC ON THIS SUBJECT.

2. WALES SAID HE HAD BEEN SPECULATING WHETHER P.D. 894 (MANILA 2929) MIGHT ALSO HAVE BEEN DIRECTED AT ACHIEVING PNOC'S GOALS. THIS DECREE REQUIRES INTER ALIA THAT "PRIVATE PERSONS AND ENTITIES ENJOYING GOP EXEMPTIONS, INCENTIVES, AND SUBSIDIES" MUST USE PHILIPPINE FLAG

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CARRIERS IF THE PAYMENT OF SUCH FARE AND FREIGHT COMES

DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY FROM GOP FUNDS. FORTUNATELY,
WALES SAID, HE CAN THINK OF NO SUBSIDY OR OTHER SIMILAR
BENEFIT WHICH MOBILE ENJOYS FROM GOP. OTHERWISE, THIS
DECREE COULD BE USED TO FORCE MOBILE TO USE PNOC
TANKERS.
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